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SITUATIONAL REPORT

Cleveland Field Office
Republican National Convention; 17-21 July 2016

INTELLIGENCE/OPERATIONAL SITREP #1:
16 July 2016 Time: 0700 to 1900 shift

SPECIAL EVENT SUMMARY

(U//LES) On 16 July 2016 at 0600, the Cleveland Field Office (CV) in support of the US Secret Service and Cleveland Police Department initiated an Intelligence Operations Center (IOC)/Command Post (CP) as both a proactive and reactive/responsive security measure to the 17-21 July 2016 Republican National Convention (RNC), Cleveland, Ohio. The FBI's mission is to: 1) attempt to identify and pre-empt any threat issues foreign terrorist organizations, domestic terrorism organizations or criminal enterprise actors pose to the special event; 2) respond to, investigate, and mitigate threat actors during the RNC within the CV AOR.

SPECIAL EVENT SCENE SETTER

(U//LES) The 2016 RNC will be held in Cleveland, Ohio 17-21 July 2016. Due to the RNC's significant national, political, and symbolic importance, the 2016 RNC will receive extensive national and international media coverage. A number of extremist and anarchist groups intent on disrupting the event and/or conducting criminal activity have targeted past conventions and CV anticipates the 2016 RNC will see similar activity given the current political and economic climates. In addition, unsecured internet usage could increase identity theft and other cyber crimes, local businesses may be tempted to circumvent hiring regulations in order to better serve the influx of visitors, potentially drawing labor or sex traffickers to the region, and foreign countries may attempt to advance their counterintelligence activities for the duration of the RNC. The 2016 RNC is designated a National Special Security Event (NSSE).

INTELLIGENCE UPDATES

(U//FOUO) At the inception of the IOC/CP on 16 July 2016 at 0600 hours there were no known credible threats in relation to the RNC.

- (U//LES) **Incident:** A caller reported that on Saturday, 16 July, a black male, approximately 50 years of age, was parked at an identified hotel in Solon, Ohio, and was recording license plates of United States Coast Guard vehicles as they were entering and exiting the hotel parking lot. The individual was driving a silver Hyundai Sonata bearing an identified Ohio license plate. The caller did not specify whether the individual was recording via video or written.

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(U//LES) **Analysis:** The vehicle was registered to Presumed USPERs who resided in Solon.

(U//LES) **Investigative action:** Neither Solon Police Department nor FBI personnel were able to locate the Hyundai Sonata at the hotel, and no male matching the given description was observed. Investigation continues.

PLANNED EVENTS

Date	Event, Location
Sunday, 17 July 2016	(U) Opening concert at Rock and Roll Hall of Fame
Monday, 18 July 2016	(U) Convention begins at Quicken Loans Arena

INTELLIGENCE/OPERATIONAL SITREP CONTACTS

CONTACT INFORMATION: Comments or questions may be addressed to Intelligence Program Coordinator at (216) 522-1400.

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